

FOCUSED ALA WAI WORKSHOPS

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, City & County of Honolulu
to provide multiple Ala Wai Flood Risk Management Study
updates,
opportunities for focused public input on measures in sub-
basins

April 1; April 8; April 14; and April 22
noon-1:10 p.m. HST

Throughout April, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in partnership with the City and County of Honolulu (CCH), will hold four virtual workshops for the community regarding the Ala Wai Flood Risk Management General Reevaluation Study. The workshops will present results of the study process to-date and will gather crucial public input on technical measures in specific sub-basins of the Ala Wai watershed.

The originally released public engagement plan included four rounds of public meetings. In November, the first round of community meetings introduced the study, gathered initial input and ideas from the community, and included an interactive workshop to brainstorm potential solutions and identify concerns in the study area. During the January Information Forum, the study team presented a revised public engagement and communications strategy that included additional virtual public meetings and enhanced online engagement opportunities.

The revised public engagement strategy incorporates additional opportunities for the public to provide input and feedback into the study process prior to the development of a draft report. The upcoming April workshops will provide the public with opportunities to discuss the development and screening of flood risk management measures throughout the watershed. Each workshop will focus on potential solutions within one or more of the major sub-basins within the Ala Wai watershed, as follows:

April 1 (Friday): Makiki and Pālolo Sub-Watershed
April 8 (Friday): Mānoa Sub-Watershed
April 14 (Thursday): Ala Wai Canal and Lower Watershed
April 22 (Friday): Continued Discussions / Q&A

The study team will also hold a series of workshops in Summer 2022 to discuss and provide input on the initial array of alternative flood risk management plans, prior to the development and selection of a recommended plan. (Each alternative comprises a suite of management measures that work together to manage flood risk.) In Fall 2022, the public will have an opportunity to provide formal comments on the draft report and tentatively selected plan. After completion of the final report in early 2023, there will be another public engagement opportunity to discuss the final recommendation by USACE. In addition to the public meetings and workshops, the public can engage the study team via several online mechanisms available 24/7. Interested parties can submit comments via a fillable comment form on the project website (<https://www.honolulu.gov/alawai/contact>) as well as by sending an email directly to AlaWai@honolulu.gov. In addition, the Crowdsourc Reporter app will remain available through the end of the April workshops for the public to provide geo-located input on management measures and alternatives.

Additional information regarding the study, the public engagement plan, and communication tools is available at <https://www.honolulu.gov/AlaWai>.

Access information

Join the workshops via Cisco Webex platform at:

<https://usace1.webex.com/meet/AlaWai>

Access Webex through a web browser (there is no need to download the Webex app). For the most reliable audio, select “Call Me” and input your telephone number.

Audio-only access is also available by calling 1-844-800-2712. Use access code 1992 62 9020.

The workshops will be recorded. Recordings and Q&A content will be posted to the project website.